WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC.

ORDER NO. 4480

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 24, 1995

Investigation of Unauthorized Operations of CAPITOL BUS RENTAL, INC., Trading as CAPITOL TOURS Case No. MP-95-04

By Order No. 2842, served March 31, 1986, Capitol Bus Rental, Inc., trading as Capitol Tours (respondent), was granted special authority to transport passengers for hire in the Metropolitan District pursuant to contract with the National Park Service - National Capital Region. The contract expired on September 30, 1986, and with it respondent's Certificate No. SP-125. As a one-time WMATC carrier respondent thus is aware of the need for a WMATC certificate before transporting passengers for hire between points in the Metropolitan District.

On December 22, 1994, pursuant to a September 28, 1971, cooperative agreement with the Federal Highway Administration under Public Law No. 89-170, the Commission received copies of several of respondent's daily driver logs. The logs contain entries evidencing respondent's transportation of passengers for hire between points in the Metropolitan District in October and November of 1994.

Article XIII, Section 6(f), provides that a person who knowingly and willfully violates a provision of the Compact shall be subject to a civil forfeiture of not more than \$1,000 for the first violation and not more than \$5,000 for any subsequent violation and that each day of the violation constitutes a separate violation. Respondent will have thirty days to show cause why a civil forfeiture should not be assessed with respect to its operations in the Metropolitan District in October and November of 1994.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. That an investigation of respondent's operations in the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit District is hereby instituted under Article XIII, Section 1, of the Compact.
- 2. That respondent shall have thirty days from the date of this order to show cause why a civil forfeiture should not be assessed with respect to its operations in the Metropolitan District in October and November of 1994.
- 3. That respondent may file within 15 days from the date of this order a request for oral hearing.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION; COMMISSIONERS ALEXANDER, LIGON, AND SHANNON:

William H. McGilvery Executive Director